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**IMPORTANT NOTICE
TO AWARDING BODIES AND INTERESTED PARTIES****REGARDING THE
GENERAL PREVAILING WAGE DETERMINATIONS
FOR THE CRAFTS/CLASSIFICATIONS BELOW THE
MINIMUM WAGE**

In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1770, 1773, and 1773.1, the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations is responsible for determining the prevailing wage rates for each worker employed on public works projects of more than \$1,000.

The minimum wage in California is currently six dollars and twenty-five cents (\$6.25) per hour and is scheduled to increase to six dollars and seventy-five cents (\$6.75) per hour effective January 1, 2002. The Director's Prevailing Wage Determinations shall not be below the minimum wage. Each employer is required to pay at least the minimum wage for the basic hourly rate in all cases where the published prevailing wage rate is below the minimum wage. Any and all employer payments required by these determinations must also be paid.

If the minimum wage is increased in the future to an amount above that shown in a prevailing wage determination, the basic hourly rate in that determination automatically increases to the new minimum wage.

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In accordance with Labor Code Sections 1773.1 and 1773.9, contractors shall make travel and/or subsistence payments to each worker to execute the work. Effective September 1, 2001, you will be able to obtain the travel and/or subsistence provisions for the current determinations on the Internet at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD>. Travel and/or subsistence requirements for current or superseded determinations may be obtained from the Prevailing Wage Unit at (415) 703-4774.